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February 16, 1999

Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Poncha Springs, Colorado.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:)
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))
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Table of Allotments)
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FM Broadcast Stations)
)
(Poncha Springs, Colorado)

RM-_____

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 248A (97.5 Mhz) to Poncha Springs, Colorado as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 248A (97.5 Mhz) to Poncha Springs and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 248A to Poncha Springs will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Poncha Springs is located in Central Colorado. It is also located within Chaffee County, a county of some 12,684 persons. Poncha Springs has a population of 244 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 248A to Poncha Springs will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Poncha Springs is located at Salida, Colorado. Salida is located 10 kilometers from Poncha Springs.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Poncha Springs is presently without local FM service.

4. Poncha Springs would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 10 Kilometers of Poncha Springs. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Poncha Springs area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 248A can be allotted to Poncha Springs and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Poncha Springs, Colorado	-----	248A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 248A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 248A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 38 - 30' - 42", W. 106 - 04' - 42") are that of a site located within the community of Poncha Springs. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 248A to Poncha Springs. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Poncha Springs. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Poncha Springs would benefit from the allotment of channel 248A. It has also been shown that channel 248A can be allotted to Poncha Springs and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 248A for Poncha Springs, Colorado , 73.202.

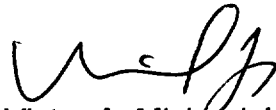
8. Should channel 248A be allotted to Poncha Springs, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Poncha Springs, Colorado.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: February 10, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 248A6 (97.5 MHz), at N. 38 30 42, W. 106 4 42.

Searching Channel 248A6 (97.5 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Pueblo	CO	245	C	U	160.9	95.0	86.8°	65.9
KCCY	Pueblo	CO	245	C	L	109.1	95.0	76.2°	14.1
ALC	Boulder	CO	247	C	U	169.8	165.0	23.6°	4.8
KBCOFM	Boulder	CO	247	C	L	169.8	165.0	23.6°	4.8
ALC	Aspen	CO	249	C3	V	102.9	89.0	320.4°	13.9
KSPNFM	Aspen	CO	249	A	L	102.9	72.0	320.4°	30.9
ALC	Colorado Springs	CO	251	C	U	109.1	95.0	76.3°	14.1
KKFM	Colorado Springs	CO	251	C	L	109.0	95.0	76.4°	14.0

FIGURE 1
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING
PONCHA SPRINGS, COLORADO